IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	Docket No: Q93671
Carlo MIGLI	
Appln. No.: 10/575,258	Group Art Unit: 3677
Confirmation No.: 8810	Examiner: Jeffrey O'BRIEN
Filed: April 10, 2006	

For: HINGE ASSEMBLY FOR THE ARTICULATED CONNECTION OF A VERTICALLY
OPENING PANEL TO A FURNITURE ELEMENT

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated September 26, 2008. The

Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct

species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for

prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there

are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall

include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species I, Figures 1-6 for

examination on which claims 2-5, 7-16, 18, 19, 23-34, and 36-40 are readable.

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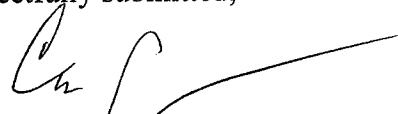SPECIES REQUIREMENT
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Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1, 6, 17, 20, 21, 22, and 35.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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